

REMARKS

Introduction

Claims 17-46 are pending. Applicants have cancelled all other pending claims. All claims other than 28, 42, 45, and 46 are reflective of the original claims, with claims 28, 42, 45, 46 being supported by Fig. 16 and the accompanying discussion at page 17, lines 19-27.

Claim Rejections

All pending claims were rejected in the final Office Action under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by copending application 09/454,988 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,479,298).

Filed herewith is a declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132 which addresses the rejection. Pursuant to, e.g., MPEP § 716.10, the inventors common to the present application and the '298 patent state that subject matter disclosed in the '298 patent but claimed in the present application was invented by them.

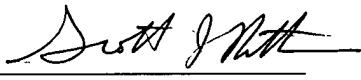
Note that Paul DiCesare is included on the 1.132 declaration. It was discovered that Mr. DiCesare was inadvertently omitted, and Mr. Jeffrey Karg mistakenly included, on the inventorship of the '298 patent. Thus, the 1.132 declaration properly names all common inventors between the present application and the '298 patent. The assignee is currently in the process of submitting papers to correct the inventorship on the '298 patent accordingly.

In view of the remarks and amendments herein, reconsideration of the application and allowance of all claims is respectfully requested.

If there are any additional fees related to this Amendment, such fees should be charged to Deposit Account No. 02-1666.

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